

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MBABANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4232

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, EAIR, WZ

SUBJECT: TWA INTEREST IN SWAZILAND NATIONAL AIRLINE

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL CABLE  
MARCH 17 FROM R. J. LAUCLAN, TWA, ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY  
CONCERNING PROPOSED SWAZILAND NATIONAL AIRLINE: QUOTE  
ACCORDING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS, SWAZILAND HAS DECIDED TO  
ESTABLISH ITS OWN NATIONAL AIRLINE EFFECTIVE AUGUST FIRST.  
FOLLOWING OUR DISCUSSIONS IN MBABANE AND NEW YORK, WE  
HAD SUBMITTED A FEASIBILITY STUDY PROPOSAL TO  
H. E. DR. ALLEN NXUMALO, MINISTER FOR POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS,  
BUT NO REPLY. IF NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED WITH  
ANOTHER AIRLINE, WE ARE STILL INTERESTED AND PREPARED TO  
PROCEED TO MBABANE TO DISCUSS AND FINALIZE A MANAGEMENT  
ASSISTANCE CONTRACT. PLEASE CHECK AND ADVISE. UNQUOTE

2. AFTER OUR DISCUSSION ON MARCH 17 WITH MINISTER  
NXUMALO, LATTER SUGGESTS FOLLOWING AS APPROPRIATE  
EMBASSY RESPONSE TO LAUCLAN, WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE  
DEPARTMENT'S PASSING TO LAUCLAN: QUOTE MINISTER NXUMALO  
REGRETS FAILURE TO RESPOND EARLIER TO YOU. HE INDICATES  
THAT A SOUTH AFRICAN COMPANY HAS BEEN GIVEN SOLE RIGHT TO  
PROCEED ON THIS MATTER FOR PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS. MINISTER  
NXUMALO WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU MORE FULLY. UNQUOTE.

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